

Minutes of Business Meeting, March 13, 2011
Katherine K, clerk,
Kitti R, recording clerk

Present: Jim Cavener, Barbara Ester, George Gjelfriend, Kristi Gjelfriend, Pat Johnson, Gita Larsen, Steve Livingston, Allan Robinson,

Daffodils from Sandy Mush, thanks Barbara E!

To value our neighbors does not put us in the headlines of any publication. It does not give us an advantaged position at work. It is not even valued in many churches simply because it takes time away from important ministries there. To rake our neighbors' leaves, to baby-sit their children, to take time to visit with them is the stuff of service to our neighbors. And until we learn to live in simplicity we will find it hard to believe it is an important ministry. John Woolman spoke of "being weaned from our desire of outward greatness." Without that weaning process we will not know simplicity.

Richard Foster

The Freedom of Simplicity.

Postpone second month minute approval til next month

Report from Finance Comm, Pat J

General fund report was passed out. Contributions since January, \$1270 Something, rental income, peace and Earth contributions for fiscal year 2010 were made. Cleaning expenses - some were probably for 2010. Gas for heating was high. Payroll may be for last year's medicare etc. { Jen will append the budget information}

Item of business from last month, insurance for the board of trustees. Finance comm. Recommends this insurance to cover the Board, in case of some lawsuit, particularly with our hiring contractors (personal injury, etc). \$200 was budgeted for this. No unity last month. David Clements was going to get more info from Church Mutual. Most Friends were comfortable with supporting this expense, as long as it doesn't go over \$250. One Friend was uncomfortable with spending this much money for something he felt was so unlikely, considering how our budget is so constrained. Pat explained that if the Board was sued, the whole Meeting would pay whatever expenses might occur. The insurance money would not come from anything already budgeted. George told us that a few years ago someone said our cat (which we didn't have) had bitten them. What if we had to defend ourselves in court, to prove we didn't have a cat?

Katherine suggested we send it back to Finance Comm and they reply with exact numbers and maybe more support from other members of Finance Comm.

State of the Meeting Report 2010 (insert here): Katherine had some edits to the copy passed out. Katherine then read the report. April was the month for the Stand against racism.

Include under things hosted, the Faith and Practice committee. Another addition: Among many well-received offerings of Adult Spiritual Enrichment, there was a second hour meeting with Dan Snyder (Inward Activism and Outward Prayer) May 2, and several sessions of Quakerism 101s. We were so moved by Dan's presentation that we asked him to lead a one-day retreat for us.

Barbara thanks Katherine for writing this report. Katherine pointed out that having the All Clerk's Meeting was helpful in putting the report together. Friends approved the State of the Meeting Report as amended.

SAYMA: Report from Steve L, who attended SAYMA in Atlanta yesterday. Steve will email this to me and/or Jen. Jim commented on what a good job Steve had done in

summarizing 8 hours of the meeting, and mentioned that 3 Meetings have laid down their Peace and Earth (social action) committees. Jim, new chair of the SAYMA nominating committee, said there will be a call for all Meetings to request that a member represent the yearly meeting at the wider Quaker gatherings. With appreciation from Business Meeting to Steve for this report.

Spiritual enrichment -Steve L. Dan Snyder will give a retreat for us at the end of April. The Clerk of SE, namely Steve, would like to step down from the committee in June. The Comm requests that Nom comm. find two folks who will serve on the committee, one of whom would serve as clerk.

House and Grounds, George Gjelfriend. Met Sewage dug out the end of our sewer line - 20 feet on Edgewood. SAFE kids had flushed paper towels down the toilet. Adrienne Weir sent out proposals to do some repairs on the Meeting. from Swannona was the only one to reply. He'll let us know what can be done by volunteers. H and G proposes to give the work to Bob Payne, who used to be a regular attender, and has done good work for the Meeting and the Gjelfriends. Jen has this information in email from George.

(Kitti will do P and E report next month in business meeting, including Pritchard Park breakfast this day, and contributions to Quaker Outreach for 2011)